

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 10, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-4, 9, 11, 19, 24 and 26-27 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, citing U.S. Patent Application No. 09/822,986. Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the outstanding rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the cited rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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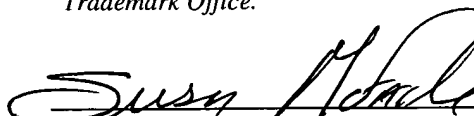
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